

OCTOBER 2021

# THE CICS CHRONICLE

*"They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary."  
-Isaiah 40:31*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*From the desk of Matt Augustin*

I am excited to share that we are off to a wonderful start to our new school year! The summer months were filled with CICS families coming together for workdays which involved removing remaining items from our old location and moving them to the right places in our new spot. Also, many improvements and changes have taken place in our school, such as painting, new floors, additions of new furniture, and exterior signage. All of which were completed by family volunteers and have helped us call our new space home for our teachers and kids!

CICS has been blessed with the addition of eleven new families to our school, representing new students from kindergarten to seventh grade! It has been great getting to visit with our new students and parents this school year. With the addition of our new families this year, CICS started a mentor family program where new families are paired up with existing CICS families to help with communication and answer any questions that come up during their first year at CICS. Thank you to our families who teamed up with our new parents!

Another new addition to CICS this school year is Mr. Cody and Mrs. Fopma sharing their talents and creating a band program within our school. In years past, our students had the privilege to work with the Van Arkels at Grinnell Middle School, however, with larger class sizes in grades 5-8, our staff and board of education saw this as an opportunity to expand our current music program at CICS. This change provides the opportunity for our students to practice and play on-site. We are also delighted that our students are able to participate with other Christian schools in large group competitions and concerts this year.

Finally, as we head into the Fall season, our annual fundraising campaign will get underway. This year, we see the return of our basketball tournaments which account for a large portion of fundraising goals each year. A tournament will be held once a month during the winter, which is a great opportunity to volunteer as a family and spend time with other members of the CICS family. Please watch for information regarding how you can help! Before winter and the tournaments begin, CICS will present its service-based fundraiser where students will fill out their bingo cards providing blessings to our neighbors and community. Information will be coming out soon regarding this unique and meaningful fundraiser!

*Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Colossians 2:7*



# SPIRIT WEEK

We celebrated homecoming week in style!

Monday: Twins or crazy socks

Tuesday: Pajama day

Wednesday: Crazy day

Thursday: School spirit day

Friday: Tiger Spirit



# CENTER GROVE ORCHARD FIELD TRIP



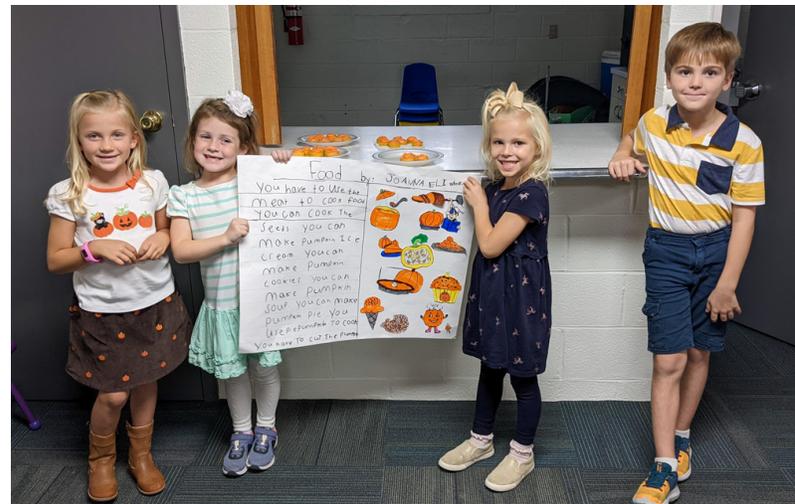
On September 29, our school was able to go to Center Grove Orchard. They learned a lot and had tons of fun! Thank you to all the parents and staff who made this awesome field trip possible!



# FIRST QUARTER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

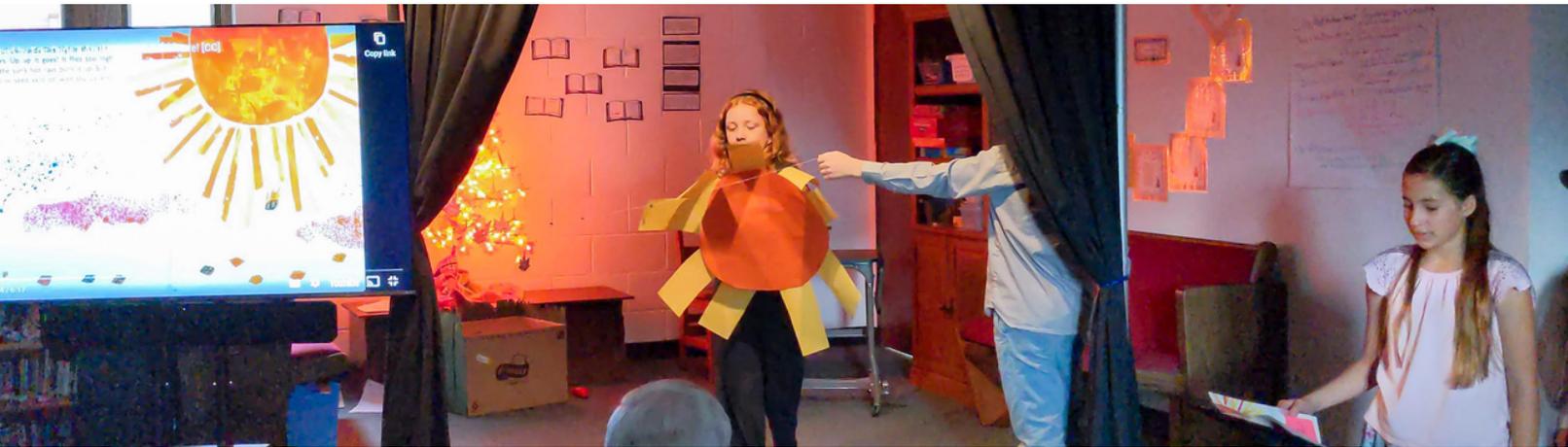
As the conclusion to our first quarter projects, students created presentations to share their newfound knowledge with parents and each other!

## K-2nd grade: In-depth study of pumpkins



# FIRST QUARTER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

## 3rd-5th grade: Scientific Process, Edible Plants and More



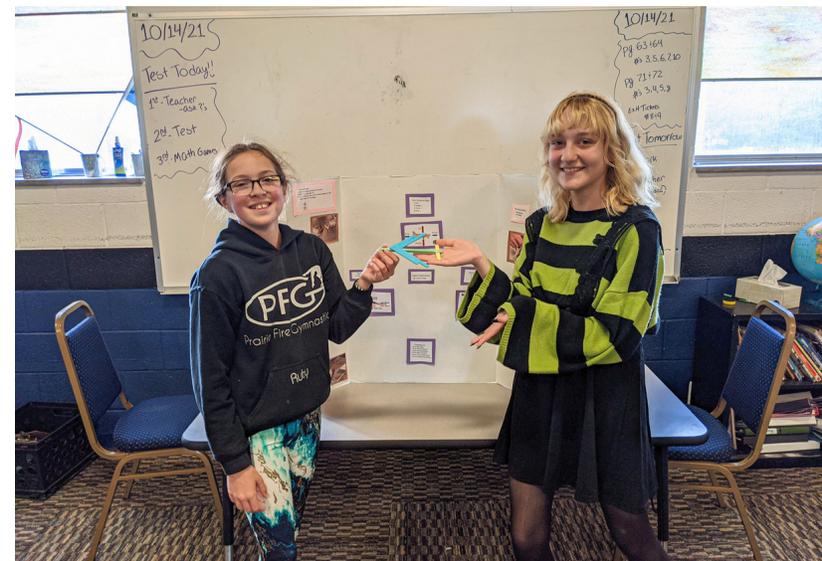
# FIRST QUARTER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

**3rd-5th grade:** Scientific Process, Edible Plants and More



# FIRST QUARTER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

## 6th-8th grade: Flight



# ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

**United Way:** Did you know that CICS is a contribution recipient? If you donate to United Way, you can select CICS as your designated non-profit!

**Amazon:** Central Iowa Christian School is a registered charitable organization with the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our school. Here's how it works

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Enter "Central Iowa Christian School" as the charitable organization
3. Login with your personal amazon.com account info
4. Shop! Purchases will list as qualified or not qualified for Amazon Smile

**Box Tops:** All you need is your phone! No scissors necessary. Simply download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase.

**Staples Ink:** CICS recycles empty ink cartridges with Staples. The school earns cash for the items we recycle, and the payout amount varies by item.

**Stuff Etc. Quality Consignment:** 2818 Commerce Dr, Coralville, IA 52241. Bring your gently used, unwanted items to Maretta Grattan at CICS, and she will add them to our school account. As the items sell, CICS will receive the proceeds.

**Casey's Cash for Classrooms:** With Casey's Rewards, you can earn points on everyday Casey's purchases- in-store, online, or at the pump. Then you can turn those points into donations to your local school.

**United Way Contributions:** CICS is a contribution recipient, so if you donate to United Way through your workplace, you can select CICS as your designated non-profit.

# LOOKING AHEAD

**Library Story Time with a Parent:** Grades K-5 has a library story time every other Wednesday, from 2:45-3:05 pm. Parents are welcome to come and read aloud their favorite storybooks to the students! Please contact the main office if you're willing to serve in this area.

## **Dress-up Day:**

We are excited for the opportunity to bless and be blessed by St. Francis Manor again this year! The whole school will be going to visit our friends at St. Francis on Friday, October 29th, and share a harvest blessing of songs and (non-scary) costumes with them.

**Jr. High Festival:** On November 11, our band and choir students will be traveling to Pella to participate in a large combined band and choir with several area Christian schools. The performance will be at 7:00 and there is no cost for parents to attend!

**OPUS Honor Choir:** Mary Fopma led our choir students through the preparations and auditions for a state-wide honor choir, and we are excited to announce that one of our students has been selected for this prestigious opportunity! The OPUS honor choir performances will be on November 18, at Iowa State University.

**Fundraising Basketball Tournaments:** We are hosting our first fundraising basketball tournament of the year on November 13. We're so excited to bring this popular event back!

## **Mark your calendars:**

Fri, Oct 29: Dress-up day and Harvest Blessing @ St. Francis

Mon, Nov 1: No School, Professional Development Day

Thur, Nov 11: Jr. High Festival Pella

Sat, Nov 13: Boys Basketball Tournament

Mon, Nov 15: CICS Board Meeting

Wed, Nov 24-Fri, Nov 26: No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tues, Dec 7: Christmas Program

Sat, Dec 11: Girls Basketball Tournament

Fri, Dec 17, AM: Second Quarter Presentations

Mon, Dec 20-Jan 3: No School, Christmas Break